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INTERACTIONS

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT MAILED
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This is a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed March 26, 2004. This notice indicates that the amendment filed on March 15, 2004 is considered non-compliant because it fails to provide a complete listing of all the claims.

The March amendment failed to list claims 17-28, 30, and 32-35 which were withdrawn in a previous amendment. The applicant now submits a corrected listing of claims which lists claims 17-28, 30, and 32-35 as well as the remaining claims.

1. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for modeling ligand-protein binding interactions, comprising:
 - providing structural information describing the structure of a protein and each ligand in a set of one or more ligands;
 - using the structural information for the protein to identify a binding region of the protein;
 - identifying a plurality of preferred binding conformations for each ligand in ~~of the~~ set of ligands in the binding region, the preferred binding conformations being determined by

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